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SUBJECT: RUSSIAN-GUINEAN DEFENSE PACT; RUSSIAN MILITARY FACILITIES
IN GUINEA

1. EAST EUROPEAN AMBASSADOR TOLD AMBASSADOR ON JANUARY 6 THAT GUINEANS AND SOVIETS MAY HAVE COME TO AN AGREEMENT IN SEPTEMBER 1973 (HE DID NOT SAY WHETHER IT WAS WRITTEN OR ORAL) WHEREBY USSR GUARANTEED TO DEFEND GUINEA AGAINST ANY FOREIGN INVASION. SOURCE SPECULATED THAT PRESENCE OF TU-95 AIRCRAFT IN GUINEA MAY BE ONE OF CONSEQUENCES OF THIS AGREEMENT AS THEY FIRST CAME TO GUINEA IN SEPTEMBER 1973.

2. PERHAPS AS PART OF AGREEMENT, SOURCE SAID RUSSIANS ARE SEEKING RIGHT TO BUILD SMALL NAVAL BASE ON TAMARA ISLAND OFF CONAKRY FOR RUSSIAN USE. ON GUINEAN SIDE SOURCE SAID THERE IS CONSIDERABLE APPREHENSION OVER GRANTING OF SUCH FACILITIES AS GUINEANS DO NOT WANT TO BECOME SO DEEPLY ENGAGED WITH USSR AS TO PROVOKE STRONG REACTION FROM US OR CHINA, PARTICULARLY THE LATTER WHO ARE PROVIDING USEFUL ECONOMICAL ASSISTANCE ON EASY TERMS. WHILE MATTER
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SIGNATED AS A GUINEAN NAVAL BASE.

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